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Testimony

(This testimonial was transcribed and emailed by Mitsuko Hayakawa on behalf of her son.)

My name is Go Hayakawa. I am 9 years old. I go to Pearl City Highlands Elementary School.

I have been doing a lot of research on GMOs and my research is not very pleasant. I found out that we don't really know what will happen to humans if we eat it, but people are still putting it out there on store shelves! It's almost the same thing as if we are being used as test animals. I thought it was illegal to test on humans without us knowing.

Just in case the results of eating this GM food aren't good, it should be labeled. If my generation eats GM food for 20 years and the affects are bad, are YOU going to take personal responsibility for all these sick people?

How long will it take the FDA to stop GMO from entering our food supply? Based on the tobacco issue, it will take 20 to 30 years. How much damage can happen in the span of 20 to 30 years? Whose going to wait that long?

Adults have the choice to buy GMO free labeled food at places like Down to Earth, but kids don't have a choice. At the school cafeteria, NOTHING is labeled. Does the milk have Rbst or Rbgh? I want to know! At least if everything at Foodland is labeled, kids can help their parents make better choices.

If you want cheap food, the cheapest way to eat is to grow your own GM-free garden. Besides, what's the cost of food compared to the cost of our health?

I've been collecting signatures of people who want GMOs labeled. I have collected over 120 signatures of children and adults so far and all of these people want GMOs labeled NOW! So please pass a law to label GMOs in Hawaii.

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